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From the Imperial Head Quarters at Carbonara, *December 5. N. S.*

LEtters from *Berſello* give an Account, That the Gariſon of that Place had ſeized 700 Sacks of Corn belonging to the *French*. They write from *Cremona*, That the Roof of the biggeſt Church of that City, into which the *French* had put 800 of their Sick and Wounded Soldiers, for want of room in their Hoſpitals, ſunk on a ſudden, and moſt of theſe Men, and thoſe who looked after them, were buried in the Ruines.

Thoorn, December 21. The Great Council of the Nobility of *Poland* and *Lithuania*, which was aſſembled here, having ſpent ſome time in fruitleſs Debates, at laſt reſolved to hear the Propoſals of the Emperor's Envoy, who accordingly was preſent in that Aſſembly on the 5th Inſtant, and offered his Maſter's Mediation for adjuſting the Differences between the Crown and that of *Sweden*, which is more particularly his Concern, as being Guarand of the famous Treaty which was concluded between thoſe two Nations at *Oliva*. On the 7th the *Muſcovite* Ambaſſador was admitted into their Aſſembly, and was asked whether the Czar his Maſter would ſend ſome Troops to the Frontiers of the *Ukrain*, to ſuppreſs the *Coſſacks*, who have lately rebelled againſt this Republick, and do daily commit great Diſorders in thoſe Parts; Upon which he offered, That if they would enter into a nearer Alliance with his Maſter, they ſhould not only be aſſiſted by him in that reſpect, but ſhould be alſo ſupplied with 5 or 600000 Crowns in Money, and ſeveral Thouſand Men, towards carrying on the War againſt the *Swedes*: On the 12th Inſtant this Aſſembly broke up, having come to the following Reſolutions; 1. *To enter into a General Confederation; and that the Diets of each Province ſhould be ſummoned in order to approve thereof*: 2. *That in theſe Provincial Diets it ſhall be conſidered which way this Kingdom may beſt be defended againſt the* Swedes, *whether by the Nobility's mounting on Horſeback, or by raiſing a Supply for augmenting the Army of the Crown; but to endeavour firſt to come to an amicable Compoſition, by the means of the Ambaſſadors already appointed to attend the King of* Sweden, *with an Offer of the Mediation of the Republick*: 3. *To accept the Emperor's Mediation*: And 4. *To ſummon the Princes of the Houſe of* Sapieha, *who have openly declared for the* Swedes, *to appear before the King of* Poland *in ſix weeks, to anſwer to ſuch things as ſhall be laid to their Charge; and upon their not appearing, to declare their Honours and Offices forfeited, and beſtow the ſame upon ſuch other Perſons as ſhall be thought more deſerving.* We hear, the *Swediſh* Army is divided into three Bodies, whereof one is marched towards *Lemberg*, to raiſe Contributions, another is marching ſlowly along the *Weyſſel* towards *Warſaw*, having with them the Boats with the Artillery, Ammunition and Bagage; and the third is marched into the *Greater Poland*. Some Advices ſay, That the King of *Sweden* has ſummoned all the *Poliſh* Nobility to meet at *Warſaw*, on pain of the Forfeiture of their Eſtates, and of being treated as Rebells; to eaſe his Country, In the mean time the King of [illegible] has left two of his *Saxon* Regiments of Horſe, and two of Foot, into *Lithuania*, where they will be welcome to ſome of the Nobility, whoſe Eſtates they will ſecure from the Depredations of the Adherents of the Houſe of *Sapieha*; and has ordered two Regiments more of thoſe Forces, one of Horſe and the other of Foot, to march back into *Saxony*. Prince *Lubomirski*, Great General of the Crown, being lately dead, that important Place is given to the Sieur *Bielinski*.

Vienna, December 23. The Emperor's Miniſters have lately held ſeveral Conferences, for ſettling the Methods to be uſed for reducing the Elector of Bavaria, and all the neceſſary Preparations are made for that purpoſe. The Saxon Forces are arrived in Bohemia, and the reſt of the Troops deſigned for this Service are all in motion: We hear, that Elector intends to employ his main Force towards the Frontier of Auſtria, and to command that part of his Army in Perſon: Some of his Troops are already fallen down the Danube towards Straubing, and another Body of them advanced lately near to Paſſau with a Deſign to have poſſeſſed themſelves of that Poſt, but were prevented, Baron Dalbon having juſt before put into that Place a Battalion of Foot which he had newly raiſed for the Emperor's Service; and Orders are given for ſending thither a Reinforcement of 500 Men. Colonel Ebergenni, who commands the Huſſars in Italy, and Baron Kirchbaum, Colonel of a Regiment of Foot, arrived here this week from thence, and more Officers of Note are ſhortly expected from thoſe Parts, who it is ſaid, are to ſerve in the Army againſt the Elector of Bavaria: Count Schlick will be going in few days to Lintz, in order to take upon him the Command of the Forces which are to be employed againſt that Elector, and are to rendezvous near that Place; but the King of the Romans is to have the chief Direction of this whole Enterpriſe. Prince Eugene has obtained the Emperor's Leave to come hither from Italy, as ſoon as his Abſence from the Army may be diſpenſed with. Letters from Adrianople of the 17th paſt ſay, the new Vizier perſecutes to a great degree thoſe who were moſt in favour with his Predeceſſor, by extorting from them all they got during that Miniſtry; and that he had ſent a Capigi Baſſi into Aſia, for the Heads of Ibrahim, Baſſaw of Meſopotamia, and Haſſan, Baſſaw of Scherezul, who were both preferred by the late Vizier, the laſt having ſerved him as his Kehaja; but they contrived to have the Capigi Baſſi's Head taken off firſt, and are now joined in open Rebellion againſt the Grand Signior; And it was reported, that Numan Baſſaw, Son to Kiuperli, would likewiſe declare for them, which if it proves true, we may ſoon hear of a general Revolt throughout the Turkiſh Dominions in Aſia.

Ratisbonne, December 25. The Imperial Diet has drawn up a Concluſion, for deſiring ſuch Princes of the Empire as have Troops on foot to let them march immediately, without waiting for the particular Repartitions of the reſpective Circles whereof they are Members, which would take up more time than the imminent Danger of the Empire will allow. The Diet alſo formed a Project for the more effectual raiſing of the 120000 Men to be kept by the Empire, and for furniſhing them with Artillery and Ammunition: The Diet reſolved, That they ſhould be commanded by a Generaliſſimo, two Velt-Marſhal-Generals, and a General of the Artillery; the Perſons named are the King of the Romans, Prince Lewis of Baden, the Margrave of Bareith, and General Thungen. This Scheme is ſent to the ſeveral Princes and States of the Empire for their Approbation, and when it is obtained, will then be drawn up into a formal Concluſion. The Bavarian Miniſter having for ſome time not frequented the Diet, or at leaſt retired when the Debates began, read on the 13th Inſtant a Proteſt againſt all that had been or ſhould be done during his Abſence, to the Prejudice of the Elector his Maſter; but the other Miniſters would not receive his Proteſt, alledging that his Abſence was voluntary. The Elector of Bavaria is recovered of his late Illneſs; He came on the 5th Inſtant from Donawerth to [illegible], who is ſince returned to Munich; but he went to view the Lines which he has lately cauſed to be made in the Palatinate, and lay the 15th at Donauſtauff, and the 16th at Egloſhaim, a Country-Houſe belonging to Count Koningsfeld, one of his Chamberlains, about two Miles from hence; he afterwards went forward towards Schairding, to view the Lines on that ſide; and it is ſaid he will ſhortly go to Munich. On the 22d he received a Repreſentation from the States of Bavaria, of the great Oppreſſions they lie under, and the utter Ruine unto which they are expoſed, if they ſhould be attacked by the Troops that are gathering together on their Frontiers, and perſwading him to deſiſt from his Engagements with France. Prince Chriſtian of Hanover's Regiment of Cuiraſſiers is arrived at Paſſau, and General Solari is marching thither with his Troops; but we hear the Saxon Forces are to remain in Bohemia, to obſerve a Body of Bavarian Troops which lies in the Upper Palatinate.

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